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AROK STARTS WAR

BY GREG RUSSELL
QUEENSLAND
is gunning for New South Wales and its newly appointed coach Frank Arok.

The Maroons are out to not only silence the St George manager-coach, but to make him eat his words in the interstate challenge at Perry Park on April 29.

Officials and followers of the code in Queensland have been incensed by Arok's remark in ASW that he expected NSW to form the nucleus of the Australian team for the coming internationals in June.

"How can he say that before the interstate clash? If Arok is to be believed and Queensland beats NSW again, where will that put the Australian team?" one official said this week.

Queensland beat NSW 3-0 at Perry Park last May, and Queensland officials are confident of repeating that victory.

But not so Arok, who claims: "We must do something to pay Queensland back for what happened last year."

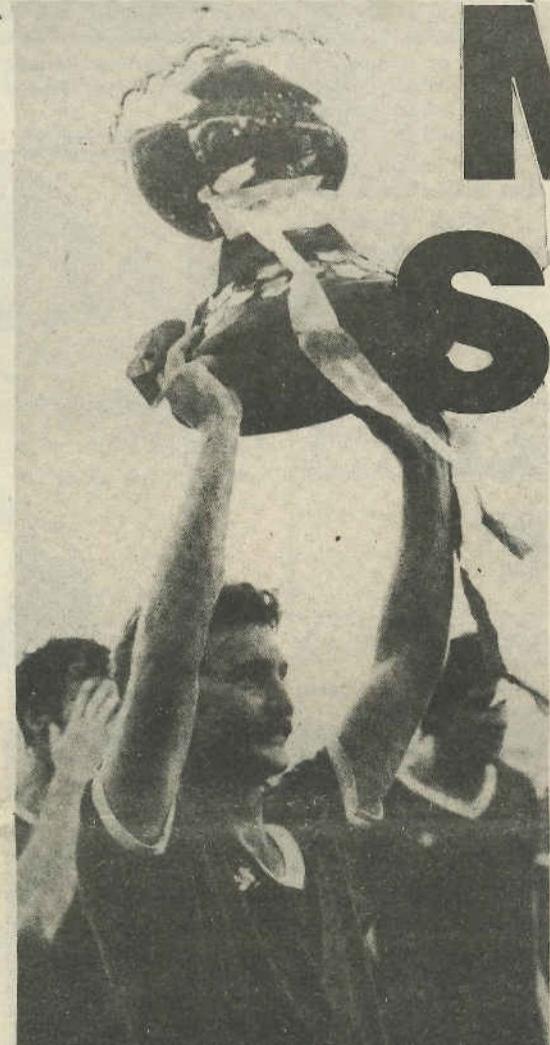
Arok does not intend selecting his State squad until later this month, which will give Queensland a head start.

Queensland coach Bruce Stowell is expected to announce a preliminary training squad this week. It is understood the squad will be only small, with Stowell intended to add players as their form warrants it.

The squad, which almost certainly will be drawn from the two Queensland NSL sides and chiefly from Brisbane City (as it was last year), will train together once a week.



FRANK AROK



AMPOL CUP



MARTON SUPREME

REVELLING in the generous space allowed to him by the makeshift Sydney City defence, St George's remarkable striker Dez Marton snapped up two goals in the Saints' 3-1 Ampol Cup victory at St George Stadium.

Playing with a vim that belied his uncertain but considerable years, Marton virtually wrapped up the result by snapping up goals in the 26th and 67th minutes.

He was on a hat-trick after Mike Lynch brought down John O'Shea in the box.

Only a valiant dive the right way by Sydney City's Todd Clarke cost him the further accolade. The former Socceroo not only made a glorious save — he had to move forward in a split second to smother the rebound shot.

The Saint's name first went on the Ampol Cup in 1960 when they were Budapest South Sydney and desperately searching for a home.

It was their sixth Ampol Cup win and only extra penalty kicks scored by Marconi in the replay edged them out in 1983 after winning the previous year.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

Coach Frank Arok paid due homage to Marton after the game.

"The old fellow works miracles when it comes to scoring goals," was his simple tribute.

Saints skipper Peter Stone said: "We are putting the work in. It means a lot of pressure but it has led to a run of success."

In fact the Saints are unbeaten since August last year, giving them a great run of 18 games in a row.

Arok praised the opposition. "You have to hand it to those young kids. Eddie Thomson did everything with them that could have been expected of him."

Playing without five first team regulars, the Slickers inevitably were forced to cave in, but not without a real fight.

Ken Boden, whose skill this season betters even his previous high level, rattled in his penalty kick after a handball by Rob O'Shea.

David Ratcliffe deserves all praise for threading his pass down the middle

through two defenders to the waiting Marton, who obliged with Saints' opening score.

Both teams got the jitters immediately after the resumption and a whole series of passes went sadly astray.

But when this phase died it was St George who had the upper hand.

First Marton smashed in a goal after his first shot had been blocked by Lynch.

Then Stone accepted a pass from Robbie Slater to stride through the middle and put the galloping David Skeen in possession to score.

But a word of praise for Paul Kay, Boden and Clarke in particular.

ST GEORGE: Fraser, Skeen, R. O'Shea, Ratcliffe, M. O'Shea, Barton, Stone, J. O'Shea, Slater (Ricoy 85), Koczka (Petkovski 68), Marton.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke, O'Rourke, Lynch, Cant, Gomez, Kay, Rodriguez (Patterson 73), Barnes, De Marigny (A. Bottalico 70), Boden, Fletcher.

REFEREE: P. Rampley.

FIRE AT THE ASW PRINTERY

EARLY on Saturday morning, the premises of Foreign Language Publications in Sydney were gutted by fire.

Many pages of this week's AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, which were ready for printing at the plant, were destroyed in the blaze.

That is why we have produced this emergency edition of Australia's favourite Soccer newspaper.

We apologise to readers and advertisers for publishing a smaller paper, leaving out some regular features.

The only alternative would have been to cease publication entirely for one issue.

ASW decided that a small paper would be preferable to no paper at all — and this explains today's 12-page edition.

It is hoped to have everything back to normal next week.

DAVID JACK, Editor, ASW

NSL NEWCOMERS BOOST YOUTH

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

WITH the introduction of four new teams from New South Wales to the NSL, many young players now have the chance to prove themselves against the best in Australia.

The three clubs from State League — Parramatta-Melita, Sydney Croatia and Blacktown City — and the newly-formed Penrith City all have promising young talent to call on.

Croatia have the more experienced crop of youngsters.

Right-back **Brett Woods**, 20, who was in the Australian squad for the World Youth Cup in 1981, has been one of the most consistent performers in the State League for the past two seasons.

In 1982 he was voted U21 NSW Player of the Year. Woods is a dangerous overlapping full-back and has a high work-rate in defence.

This will be his first season in the National League, after only playing youth League with his previous club, Sydney City.

David Rezo, just turned 22, is a workhorse in the midfield for Croatia. A local player who has worked his way through the ranks, Rezo has looked impressive in the pre-season competitions.

Central striker **Graham Arnold**, 20, has been a deadly finisher in the last two years in the State League.

In 1982 he was the leading goalscorer with 16 goals and last season he was run-

ner-up to newly-signed Sydney Olympic striker Nick Theodorakopoulos.

Supporting Arnold up-front will be Sutherland product **Shane Clinch**.

Last year it was thought that Clinch, also 20, had a very good chance of making the Australian Youth squad.

This was not to be. He struggled to maintain his good performances of the '82 season.

This year his form has been explosive. He will prove a handful for many defences.

Blacktown City's Young Player of the Year in 1983, looks

during the second round last year. He hasn't looked back.

Three other players, **Anthony Welbourne**, **Brett Thornthwaite** and **Ian Shaw**, all played in the record-breaking second grade side that went through the competition undefeated.

Welbourne was called into first grade during the semi-finals last year and is a calm and confident playmaker in the midfield.

Thornthwaite, Black-

town City's Young Player of the Year in 1983, looks

their ranks and three others pressing for first-team selection.

Striker **Wayne Farnsworth** is one name to remember. A deadly finisher inside the area, Farnsworth was one of the best players in the State League last season.

John Redman, who played first grade for Croatia last season, has decided to change clubs and has been training with the Eagles' youth team during the past couple of weeks.

Paul Andricopoulos, another striker, looked im-

sweeper or stopper, 19-year-old Daley travelled to Mexico with the Australian Youth team.

He will prove a valuable asset to Penrith's defence.

Local club Penrith United have provided City with two outstanding youngsters. Goalkeeper **Mike Gibson**, 20, and midfielder **Graham Lomas**, 19, will be keen to

loom as the surprise package of the Penrith team.

Operating from left mid-

field, Fitzharris, 19, may be a regular first-team player in his first year of competition in Australia.

'EXPERIENCE WILL COME WITH TIME'

Blacktown City, a club that has a wealth of junior talent, has five players who are expected to feature prominently in its plans this year.

Front-runner **Michael McLaughlin** suffered an injury setback that looks like keeping him out of the first grade side for some weeks.

John Larkin, a non-stop 90 minute worker, was promoted to the first grade

sharp and penetrative operating from the midfield for the Demons. In the Ampol Cup the 17-year-old scored a tremendous 35 metre goal against Marconi.

Shaw, also 17, has been selected for the left-back position this year. In the Ampol Cup against Marconi, he was more than a match for Australian Youth international David Lowe.

Melita Eagles have one established young player in

sharp and penetrative operating from the midfield for the Demons. In the Ampol Cup the 17-year-old scored a tremendous 35 metre goal against Marconi.

Keeper **Michael Bianco** (not related to first grade coach Raul) is the youth team goalkeeper. Although lacking in experience at 17, he will be reserve to Alex McPherson in the NSL.

Last but not least we look at the "babes" of NSW Soccer, Penrith City.

Despite all the flak directed at the club during the off-season, they have an abundance of junior talent to build on.

The most prominent young player in their ranks is **Paul Daley**. At home at

make a big impression in National League.

Young UK import **David Fitzharris** is



SOME OF THE YOUNG STARS WHO WILL BE GET THEIR CHANCE TO BREAK THROUGH IN THE NSL THIS YEAR:

TOP: Melita's Wayne Farnsworth (white shirt) and Croatia's David Rezo (on ground)

ABOVE: Brett Thornthwaite of Blacktown City — Demons' 1983 Youth Players of Year

LEFT: Shane Clinch, now with Croatia, in action from the 1982 Grand Final with Sutherland



\$95,000 BOOST FOR APIA LEICHARDT

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

APIA LEICHARDT SOCCER CLUB, one of Australia's biggest in years gone by, is about to receive a new lease of life through moves announced at a special meeting held at its social club.

The meeting, called "Forza APIA '84", was chaired by club president Nick Papallo, who released details of a new company registered, in the name of "LEICHARDT APIA SOCCER CLUB LTD."

Aim of the company is to make Soccer independent of the social club.

At the same meeting, APIA received a cheque for \$35,000, the first instalment of sponsorship of \$95,000 spread over three years.

Sponsor is RICOH, one of Japan's biggest suppliers

of photographic equipment. The Australian arm of RICOH — Watson Victor Photographics made the presentation at the meeting.

National financial director, Roger Sales, in handing over the cheque, stated his company was proud to be associated with such a well-established Soccer club.

RICOH has sponsored Rugby Union and Soccer in Europe, so they are no strangers to sport.

Details were also unveiled to members of plans

for 1984 at the club's new home ground, Henson Park.

Former first division referee, Frank Sbisa, was

appointed general manager of the new company. Shareholders of the company must be members of the "Supporters Club" and cost of the shares is \$1. The company will sell reserved seating in the grandstand for a season at a cost of \$150, and for \$300, the member will have access to the deluxe area of the grandstand, fully carpeted with waiter service, plus parking facilities inside Henson Park.

Frank Sbisa, told ASW: "We are excited about our new plans for the club, and we will lift APIA back to the force it used to be in Australian Soccer."



NICK PAPALLO

JOHN LARKIN (left)

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CROATIA HAVE EDGE

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY CROATIA defeated Marconi 1-0 to take third place in the 1984 NSW Ampol Cup.

The winner was hit by Graham Arnold on the half-hour when he was put nicely into the clear by fellow striker Paul Kirwan.

Croatia looked a little hesitant in the heat, but their confidence slowly grew, as did their enterprise against a more experienced foe.

Their midfielder Steve Meades should have scored in the 20th minute, but he hesitated in front of the target.

The second half saw Marconi come back into the

picture, as newly-signed Johnny Spanos came into the midfield. Central striker Rod Brown missed two opportunities which would have had Croatia in trouble.

However, Croatia, through Kirwan, should have had another goal when the left winger was floated by Berti Mariani in the box with a minute left on the clock.

Referee Arthur Owens allowed advantage play, but Kirwan's final assault was well smothered by the ever-alert Bruce James.



□ GRAHAM ARNOLD

PAY DAY FOR THE

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

PARRAMATTA MELITA EAGLES, NSW
1983 champions, have scored sponsorship totalling some \$40,000, and there is more to come

At a special Press Conference held at the Greyhound club, Bankstown, the sponsorship announcement was made by club president, Emmanuel Said.

The major sponsor

for 1984, is "WONDERLAND TRAVEL", a division of Rotonda World Travel Services Pty Ltd. Directors of this company, handed over a cheque for \$20,000.

COTTON GRABS HAT TRICK

BY BRAD EARL

STRIKER Roy Cotton scored a hat-trick to spearhead Penrith City's 4-2 win over Blacktown City in the inaugural Western Challenge Cup at the Gabbie Stadium on Saturday.

The Demons lacked cohesion in defence, and it wasn't a good debut for keeper David Curtis, given his chance after signing from Ku-ring-gai.

Penrith took a 3-0 half-time lead with two headed goals by Cotton and a shot from fellow striker Brian

EAGLES

The directors (Joseph Sammut and George Vella) told ASW: "We have followed Melita Eagles for nearly 23 years. We are not only sponsors, but also avid supporters", said Vella.

Vella continued, "This sponsorship is the largest in our company's history.

Sammut, stated: "We are very proud of this club."

Parramatta Melita Eagles, will this year wear the Admiral strip, with the "WONDERLAND TRAVEL" logo across the chest.

Sponsors for the Youth NSL team to the tune of \$10,000, Starline's managing director, Neville Lynch, stated: "My company felt we must encourage the Youth team. The future of

Australian Soccer lies very heavily in this area".

A third sponsor, also with a cheque for \$10,000, came to the stage to make the presentation.

This was "BOHEMIA CRYSTAL" of Artarmon Sydney.

National sales manager of Bohemia Crystal, Dougal Graham, said: "It's a big step for Melita to take into NSL football. I have no doubt Melita will do well, and that is why for the first time we have become associated with Soccer in Australia."

Graham also presented the club with a magnificent Czechoslovakian crystal bowl, valued at over \$1,500. This beautiful trophy is identical to the one presented to tennis star, Martina Navratilova. The trophy will be presented to Melita's "Player Of The Year".

Bohemia Crystal later returned to the stage to add yet another trophy that will go to the Youth team "Player Of The Year".

Later in the evening, Melita's new promotions manager, Maurice Gili, announced that the club had amassed some 60 associated advertising sponsors to bring in another \$15,000.

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O'CONNOR HITS BACK

BY BRAD EARL

INTERNATIONAL striker Phil O'Connor has responded to criticism that he asks for excessive fees in the depressed financial state of Australian Soccer.

"I don't bankrupt any club," O'Connor said after his debut for Blacktown City in a challenge match against Penrith City on Saturday.

"I get what I can out of the game. You're only in it for a short while," O'Connor said.

His transfer to Blacktown came after an abortive move to Heidelberg. Last year, O'Connor shone with Wollongong, winning the NSW Player of the Year award.

In England he played for Luton Town — and he said that playing as a professional influenced his approach to the game here.

"Not enough people came from a professional background, and therefore they don't understand a professional attitude," O'Connor said.

He said that his reason for not going through with his transfer to Heidelberg was that he couldn't leave Wollongong due to personal reasons.

"Heidelberg are a good club, and they did everything right by me," he pointed out.

Now 30, the roving striker had a very good year in the Australian colours in 1983 in matches against New Zealand and England and in the Merlion Cup tournament.

He capped it with his brilliant solo goal in the



□ PHIL O'CONNOR pictured with Leichhardt

final against Singapore, which Australia won 4-2.

Now having established himself in the first XI, he faces two big years at his peak as Australia attempts to qualify for the World Cup Finals.

"I'm looking forward to it more than ever," he said. "Playing in the World Cup

is something I've wanted for a long while."

He has signed a two-year contract with the Demons. Coach Casey De Bruin's priority now is to sign another striker to partner the creative O'Connor and exuberant youngster John Larkin.

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QSF 'MAKE IT A XXXX'

BY GREG RUSSELL

THE Queensland Soccer Federation is set for a record year.

Senior registrations this season will result in 14 divisions having to be formed to accommodate the 158 teams nominated for competitions.

This is an increase of 12 teams, and an additional division, over last year and signals a renewed growth pattern for the code.

In fact four new clubs in Brisbane have applied to join the QSF.

And the increase in teams from the Brisbane area does not include those playing in the non-affiliated Commercial League which has grown in leaps and bounds over the past few seasons.

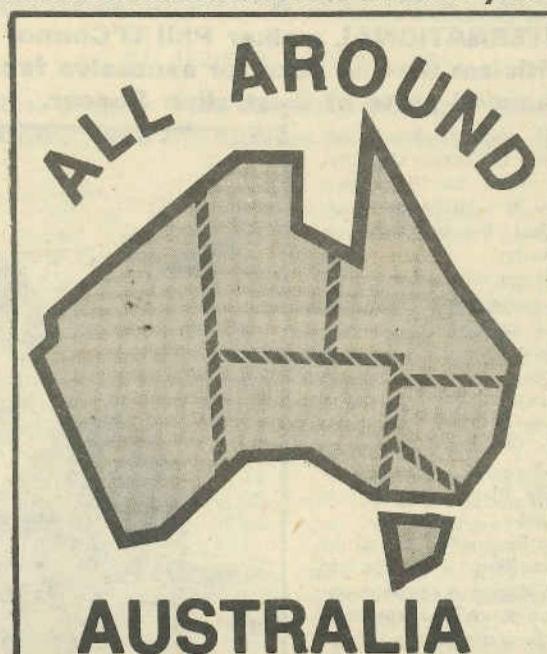
Outside of Brisbane, a further 320 senior teams will play in 12 country federations affiliated with the QSF.

With junior registrations to again exceed 27,500 throughout the State in 1984, the code is building a strong basis from which it can further expand.

The growth has not gone unnoticed outside of the code and many Queensland companies appear keen to jump on the Soccer bandwagon.

Last week Castlemaine Perkins, brewer of Queensland's XXXX beer, handed over a cheque for \$40,000 to QSF president Ian Brusasco to sponsor the Federation for the 1984 season.

And the QSF's marketing company has been flooded by enquiries from Queens-



land firms "wanting to get in on the action".

With the interstate clash against New South Wales on April 29 to be highly publicised, and likely to attract even further attention from those outside the code, things are looking bright for Queensland Soccer as it enters the first year of its second century.

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AT a time when sponsorships are becoming increasingly difficult to obtain, Queensland Premier League club Ipswich United must be doing

something right.

The club this week announced that Jacaranda Dairy Products would sponsor the club for the sixth successive year. And, as has happened in the past, the sponsorship has been upped again.

Ipswich, last year's Ampol Cup winners, could earn a five figure sum through bonuses and incentives from Jacaranda — if the club has a successful season.

And with the experienced side Matt Carson has assembled at Ebbw Vale that is highly likely.



CRINO CLINCHES SOUTH'S WIN

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

SOUTH MELBOURNE staged a spirited performance against Melbourne Croatia to win the Buffalo Gold Cup final 3-1 at Olympic Park.

Brown latched onto a clearance outside the penalty area and hammered the ball into the top corner of the net.

Croatia had the ball in the net three minutes later after an incisive run by Biskic, who lobbed the ball into the area where the lurking Brogan headed in.

However, referee Jim Fearn disallowed the goal, after the linesman had signalled Brogan offside.

Croatia persevered with their attacks through the middle, and managed to level the score after 21 minutes. Olympic forward Tommy Cumming scored after rounding South Melbourne captain John Yzenidoorn with remarkable ease.

Croatia players protested to the referee in the 28th minute after he signalled a

opportunity, which were all squandered by their forwards until the 67th minute when Oscar Crino scored.

Croatia's hopes of a taking the lead were dashed in the 33rd minute when South's hardworking midfielder Karl Halford scored.

South Melbourne dominated the second half and created a glut of scoring

opportunities, which were all squandered by their forwards until the 67th minute when Oscar Crino scored.

The best player of the series roared a solo run through the middle, split the defence and bent his shot past a cluster of players to seal victory for South Melbourne.

LEADER DEFIANT

BY MYLES HAY

WITH typical Novacastrian grit and pride, Newcastle KB United acting president Ivor Thirlwell stated that he and his co-directors were justly unhappy with the match programme set out for the side this season.

Strikers Missing

BY PHIL MURPHY

FAIRY MEADOW have started their defence of the Umbro Shield for NSW Second Division teams without strikers Graeme Gardiner and Steve Baker.

Gardiner is injured and has been only able to train lightly so far, and Baker was also late starting the grind.

Baker has another reason he missed the first round — he still had a one-game suspension hanging over his head from last season.

Former Monaro player Bill Sheridan should be a valuable asset to Fairy Meadow, having been switched to Wollongong to attend teachers' college.

He certainly proved his fitness in early training runs. He was lapping the other players in training runs and coach Mike Johnson was very impressed with his attitude.

town Rosebuds.

Newcastle will make a big effort to interest local sponsors, possibly on a match-day promotion system, with the plan geared to attract more spectators to home fixtures.

Thirlwell agreed that the organisers of the NSL had not made Newcastle's task in promotional activities any easier by the strange splitting of Newcastle and Canberra to play both Sydney and Melbourne sides on a "once only" basis.

Surely the question of distance could not have been considered a major hurdle when the two big cities are linked to Sydney by fast expressways which cut travelling down to just over two hours.

But with local support and the will to win which typified Newcastle's play last season, Mr Thirlwell contends the fe-bUILT KB side will surprise many critics.

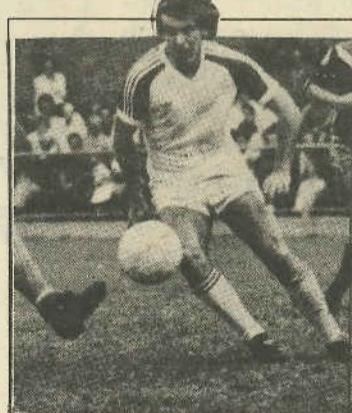
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EIGHTEEN of the 24 players at the South Australia Institute of Sport are involved with their clubs in the current Ampol Cup series.

The 24 are made up of the SA Youth squad, and moves are being made to have their future Youth teams play in the Ampol series as one of the competing sides.

Salisbury United, promoted from Second Division to First Division for this year, have five players at the Institute.

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WOLLONGONG CITY have struck trouble for their opening home game of the season against Sydney City.

The NSW surfing titles will be held at Wollongong Beach — just a goal-kick from City's home ground.

Chairman Laurie Kelly is concerned that the crowd at the Soccer will be affected, and that isn't because they will be watching the surf events.

The problem is that roads around the beach and Showground will be blocked off making parking space hard to find.

Wollongong also will clash with Illawarra Steelers Rugby League team for the use of the Showground three times this season.

Kelly says the Showground Trust give the League preference, so his club will have to switch the games to Sydney and reverse the draw.

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FORMER Brisbane City captain Frank Pimblett scored probably the goal of his career at the Coca-Cola Bottlers pre-season tournament in Brisbane.

City, who were leading Intermediate League club Rochedale 1-0 in a qualifying round match, kicked off the second half by passing the ball back to midfielder Pimblett, who was standing only two metres behind the centre spot.

Seeing the keeper was well off his line, Pimblett took aim and fired a brilliantly placed shot from the halfway that dropped perfectly into the goal above the waving arms of the back pedalling Rochedale custodian.

The incident brought the crowd to its feet, and no doubt a goal that Pimblett who has only eight goals in seven years of NSL, will long talk about.

ADELAIDE CITY's plan to attract more spectators by pre-selling NSL match tickets at half price — \$4 — appears to be paying off.

SA State League club Croatia has requested 500 tickets for the match against Melbourne Croatia on March 11.

M. NASH,
Newcastle, NSW.

MORE PAGES

FANCY that person complaining that ASW was too costly at a dollar a copy.

My mates and I buy the paper every week and we find it very interesting with such a lot of reading in the 24 pages.

Perhaps it is not as good as the English magazine he mentioned but it is definitely better than anything else in Soccer in Australia.

H. CARTWRIGHT,
Auburn, NSW.

APPLE ISLE

HAVING a national paper dealing only with Soccer is a super idea and that is what I think ASW is so popular. But if you are to be truly national, shouldn't you give equal space to stories from every State?

I ask that question because, as a former resident of Hobart, I did enjoy so much the articles on Tasmania supplied by Van Diemen. Has he left you or is it just that the season in Tassie is late kicking off?

People seem to forget that Soccer is played in Tasmania just as much as in all the other States so I look forward to reading all about the game in an island which is too often overlooked — and not just in Soccer.

JOHN ARCHIBALD,
Melbourne, Vic.

A CIRCUS

I FEEL that Myles Hay of ASW in his article this week on the woes of Australian Soccer has hit the nail right on the head.

THE undisputed talent of striker Frank Farina was evident in the ACT Friendship Cup.

Playing in the Australian Institute of Sport team in their final match against Belconnen, Farina scored a hat-trick and set up two other goals as the AIS cruised to a 7-2 victory.

After the match, Frank was chiding himself for missing at least another three or four goals.

As the Institute's guest scholarship player, Farina imparted tremendous enthusiasm to the new intake at the AIS and showed them what application and dedication can achieve under Jim Shoulder's guidance.

EMMANUEL POULAKAKIS, the well-known Melbourne coach, departs soon with his family for Greece.

"Manny" left Melbourne in 1982 and coached under the great Stefan Kovacs and Lakis Petropoulos at Panathinaikos.

Last November, Poulakakis returned to Melbourne to sell his house.

In Athens, the Australian coach will be assistant coach to Petropoulos, who is now coaching the Athenian club Apollon.

After the resignation of Christos Arhontidis as national coach last week, Petropoulos is the candidate to take the job with Poulakakis as his assistant.

THERE are some red faces around the squash courts where current Soccer players flex their muscles.

They've been persuaded to take on Mario Corti, 53-year-old coach of Adelaide City's First Division team.

Corti, a former pro-

fessional Soccer player in Italy and looking as young as he did when he came here to play for City (then Juventus) when he was 33, is running the legs off the "youngsters".

"I still think like a 30-year-old," says Corti.



LONG before it became fashionable for Australian Soccer players to trial with European and UK clubs — McCulloch, Slater, Yankos, Mitchell etc. — Todd Clarke had the chance to sign professional for them.

"I declined because I didn't want to live in Holland or speak Dutch!"

On the Socceroos tour of Europe in 1976, PSV Eindhoven beat Australian 2-1 and Clarke was the goalkeeper.

Looking back, Todd recalls: "PSV gave us a real bombardment throwing everything at

LIVERPOOL'S captain and midfield star Graham Souness could be playing in Adelaide during the English close season.

But the Scottish international will not be lining up for one of SA's National League clubs.

The big whisper is that a First Division club have already contacted the player through an English connection and are now awaiting a reply.

Souness guested for West Adelaide when he was with Middlesbrough.

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NATIONAL SOCCER L

ROUND 1 — 3-4 MARCH

INTRA CONFERENCE CHALLENGE — GROUNDS TO BE ALLOCATED

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

1. Blacktown City v Sydney City
2. Canberra Arrows v Wollongong City
3. Leichhardt v Marconi
4. Parramatta Melita Eagles v Sydney Croatia
5. Penrith City v Newcastle United
6. St George v Sydney Olympic

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

1. Adelaide City v West Adelaide
2. Brisbane City v Brisbane Lions
3. Sunshine-George Cross v Green Gully
4. Brunswick United-Juventus v Melbourne Croatia
5. Preston v Footscray
6. South Melbourne v Heidelberg United

ROUND 2 — 10-11 MARCH

1. Marconi v Blacktown City
2. Leichhardt v Parramatta Melita Eagles
3. Newcastle United v Preston
4. Penrith City v Sydney Croatia
5. St George v Canberra Arrows
6. Wollongong City v Sydney City

1. Adelaide City v Melbourne Croatia
2. Brisbane Lions v Sydney Olympic
3. Footscray v Brisbane City
4. Green Gully v South Melbourne
5. Heidelberg United v Sunshine-George Cross
6. Brunswick United-Juventus v West Adelaide

ROUND 3 — 17-18 MARCH

1. Blacktown City v Parramatta Melita Eagles
2. Canberra Arrows v Brunswick United-Juventus
3. Newcastle United v Leichhardt
4. St George v Marconi
5. Sydney City v Penrith City
6. Sydney Croatia v Sydney Olympic

1. Brisbane City v Wollongong City
2. Sunshine-George Cross v Adelaide City
3. Melbourne Croatia v Brisbane Lions
4. Preston v Heidelberg United
5. South Melbourne v Footscray
6. West Adelaide v Green Gully

ROUND 4 — 24-25 MARCH

1. Canberra Arrows v South Melbourne
2. Leichhardt v Blacktown City
3. Marconi v Newcastle United
4. Parramatta Melita Eagles v St George
5. Sydney Olympic v Sydney City
6. Penrith City v Wollongong City

1. Adelaide City v Preston
2. Brisbane City v Sydney Croatia
3. Footscray v West Adelaide
4. Green Gully v Brunswick United-Juventus
5. Heidelberg United v Brisbane Lions
6. Melbourne Croatia v Sunshine-George Cross

ROUND 5 — 31 MARCH-1 APRIL

1. Blacktown City v Canberra Arrows
2. Parramatta Melita Eagles v Marconi
3. Newcastle United v Green Gully
4. St George v Leichhardt
5. Sydney Croatia v Sydney City
6. Wollongong City v Sydney Olympic

1. Adelaide City v Heidelberg United
2. Brisbane Lions v Penrith City
3. Sunshine-George Cross v Brisbane City
4. Brunswick United-Juventus v Footscray
5. Preston v Melbourne Croatia
6. South Melbourne v West Adelaide

ROUND 6 — 7-8 MARCH

1. Blacktown City v St George
2. Canberra Arrows v Parramatta Melita Eagles
3. Marconi v Leichhardt
4. Sydney Olympic v Penrith City
5. Sydney v Newcastle United
6. Wollongong City v Sydney Croatia

1. Brisbane City v Brisbane Lions
2. Footscray v Green Gully
3. Sunshine-George Cross v Preston
4. Heidelberg United v Melbourne Croatia
5. Brunswick United-Juventus v South Melbourne
6. West Adelaide v Adelaide City

ROUND 7 — 14-15 APRIL

INTER-CONFERENCE CHALLENGE ROUND

(Decided by placings on Conference Table at the end of Round 5)

ROUND 8 — 21-22 APRIL

1. Leichhardt v Sydney City
2. Parramatta Melita Eagles v Wollongong City
3. Newcastle United v Sydney Olympic
4. Penrith City v Marconi
5. St George v Brisbane City
6. Sydney Croatia v Blacktown City

1. Adelaide City v Brunswick United-Juventus
2. Brisbane Lions v Footscray
3. Green Gully v Heidelberg United
4. Melbourne Croatia v West Adelaide
5. Preston v Canberra Arrows
6. South Melbourne v Sunshine-George Cross

ROUND 9 — 25-28-29 APRIL

1. Canberra Arrows v Melbourne Croatia
2. Parramatta Melita Eagles v Penrith City
3. Sydney Olympic v Marconi
4. Sydney City v Blacktown City
5. Sydney Croatia v St George
6. Wollongong City v Newcastle United

1. Brisbane City v Leichhardt
2. Footscray v Heidelberg United
3. Green Gully v Adelaide City
4. Brunswick United-Juventus v Brisbane Lions
5. South Melbourne v Preston
6. West Adelaide v Sunshine-George Cross

ROUND 10 — 5-6 MAY

1. Blacktown City v Sydney Olympic
2. Leichhardt v Sydney Croatia
3. Marconi v Wollongong City
4. Brisbane City v Parramatta Melita Eagles
5. St George v Penrith City
6. Brisbane Lions v Sydney City

1. Adelaide City v Canberra Arrows
2. Sunshine-George Cross v Footscray
3. Heidelberg United v Brunswick United-Juventus
4. Melbourne Croatia v South Melbourne
5. Preston v Green Gully
6. West Adelaide v Newcastle United

ROUND 11 — 12-13 MAY

1. Newcastle United v Sunshine-George Cross
2. Sydney Olympic v Leichhardt
3. Penrith City v Canberra Arrows
4. Sydney City v Marconi
5. Sydney Croatia v Parramatta Melita Eagles
6. Wollongong City v St George

1. Brisbane Lions v Blacktown City
2. Footscray v Melbourne Croatia
3. Green Gully v Brisbane City
4. Brunswick United-Juventus v Preston
5. South Melbourne v Adelaide City
6. West Adelaide v Heidelberg United

ROUND 12 — 19-20 MAY

1. Blacktown City v Wollongong City
2. Canberra Arrows v Sydney Croatia
3. Leichhardt v Penrith City
4. Marconi v Brisbane Lions
5. Parramatta Melita Eagles v Sydney Olympic
6. St George v Sydney City

1. Adelaide City v Footscray
2. Brisbane City v South Melbourne
3. Sunshine-George Cross v Brunswick United-Juventus
4. Heidelberg United v Newcastle United
5. Melbourne Croatia v Green Gully
6. Preston v West Adelaide

NSL CUP — 23 MAY-17 JUNE

ROUND 13 — 23-24 JUNE

INTRA-CONFERENCE CHALLENGE ROUND

(Based on Conference Table placings at the end of Round 11)

ROUND 14 — 30 JUNE-1 JULY

1. Canberra Arrows v Newcastle United
2. Marconi v Sydney Croatia
3. Parramatta Melita Eagles v Sydney City
4. Penrith City v Blacktown City
5. St George v Sydney Olympic
6. Wollongong City v Leichhardt

1. Adelaide City v West Adelaide
2. Brisbane Lions v Brisbane City
3. Footscray v Preston
4. Green Gully v Sunshine-George Cross
5. Heidelberg United v South Melbourne
6. Brunswick United-Juventus v Melbourne Croatia



LEAGUE 1984 DRAW



ROUND 15 — 7-8 JULY

1. Blacktown City v Marconi
2. Parramatta Melita Eagles v Leichhardt
3. Newcastle United v Footscray
4. Sydney Olympic v Canberra Arrows
5. Sydney City v Wollongong City
6. Sydney Croatia v Penrith City
1. Brisbane Lions v St George
2. Sunshine-George Cross v Heidelberg United
3. Melbourne Croatia v Adelaide City
4. Preston v Brisbane City
5. South Melbourne v Green Gully
6. West Adelaide v Brunswick United-Juventus

ROUND 16 — 14-15 JULY

1. Leichhardt v Canberra Arrows
2. Marconi v St George
3. Parramatta Melita Eagles v Blacktown City
4. Sydney Olympic v Sydney Croatia
5. Penrith City v Sydney City
6. Wollongong City v Brisbane Lions
1. Adelaide City v Sunshine-George Cross
2. Brisbane City v Melbourne Croatia
3. Footscray v South Melbourne
4. Green Gully v West Adelaide
5. Heidelberg United v Preston
6. Brunswick United-Juventus v Newcastle United

ROUND 17 — 21-22 JULY

1. Blacktown City v Leichhardt
2. Canberra Arrows v Marconi
3. St George v Parramatta Melita Eagles
4. Sydney City v Sydney Olympic
5. Sydney Croatia v Brisbane Lions
6. Wollongong City v Penrith City
1. Brisbane City v Heidelberg United
2. Sunshine-George Cross v Melbourne Croatia
3. Brunswick United-Juventus v Green Gully
4. Preston v Adelaide City
5. South Melbourne v Newcastle United
6. West Adelaide v Footscray

ROUND 18 — 28-29 JULY

INTER-CONFERENCE CHALLENGE ROUND
(Based on Conference placings at the end of Round 16)

ROUND 19 — 4-5 AUGUST

1. Leichhardt v St George
2. Marconi v Parramatta Melita Eagles
3. Newcastle United v Blacktown City
4. Sydney Olympic v Wollongong City
5. Penrith City v Brisbane City
6. Sydney City v Sydney Croatia
1. Brisbane Lions v Sunshine-George Cross
2. Footscray v Brunswick United-Juventus
3. Green Gully v Canberra Arrows
4. Heidelberg United v Adelaide City
5. Melbourne Croatia v Preston
6. West Adelaide v South Melbourne

ROUND 20 — 11-12 AUGUST

1. Canberra Arrows v Sydney City
2. Leichhardt v Marconi
3. Parramatta Melita Eagles v Newcastle United
4. Penrith City v Sydney Olympic
5. St George v Blacktown City
6. Sydney Croatia v Wollongong City
1. Adelaide City v West Adelaide
2. Brisbane City v Brisbane City
3. Green Gully v Footscray
4. Melbourne Croatia v Heidelberg United
5. Preston v Sunshine-George Cross
6. South Melbourne v Brunswick United Juventus

ROUND 21 — 18-19 AUGUST

1. Blacktown City v Sydney Croatia
2. Marconi v Penrith City
3. Newcastle United v St George
4. Sydney Olympic v Brisbane City
5. Sydney City v Leichhardt
6. Wollongong City v Parramatta Melita Eagles
1. Brisbane Lions v Preston
2. Footscray v Canberra Arrows
3. Sunshine-George Cross v South Melbourne
4. Heidelberg United v Green Gully
5. Brunswick United-Juventus v Adelaide City
6. West Adelaide v Melbourne Croatia

ROUND 22 — 25-26 AUGUST

1. Blacktown City v Sydney City
2. Canberra Arrows v Wollongong City
3. Leichhardt v Brisbane Lions
4. Marconi v Sydney Olympic
5. Penrith City v Parramatta Melita Eagles
6. St George v Sydney Croatia
1. Adelaide City v Green Gully
2. Brisbane City v Brunswick United-Juventus
3. Sunshine-George Cross v West Adelaide
4. Heidelberg United v Footscray
5. Melbourne Croatia v Newcastle United
6. Preston v South Melbourne

ROUND 23 — 1-2 SEPTEMBER

INTER-CONFERENCE CHALLENGE ROUND
(Based on Conference placings at the end of Round 21)

ROUND 24 — 8-9 SEPTEMBER

1. Canberra Arrows v West Adelaide City
2. Newcastle United v Adelaide City
3. Sydney Olympic v Blacktown City
4. Penrith City v St George
5. Sydney Croatia v Leichhardt
6. Wollongong City v Marconi
1. Sydney City v Brisbane City
2. Parramatta Melita Eagles v Brisbane Lions
3. Footscray v Sunshine-George Cross
4. Green Gully v Preston
5. Brunswick United-Juventus v Heidelberg United
6. South Melbourne v Melbourne Croatia

ROUND 25 — 15-16 SEPTEMBER

1. Blacktown City v Brisbane City
2. Leichhardt v Sydney Olympic
3. Marconi v Sydney City
4. Parramatta Melita Eagles v Sydney Croatia
5. Newcastle United v Penrith City
6. St George v Wollongong City
1. Adelaide City v South Melbourne
2. Brisbane Lions v Green Gully
3. Sunshine-George Cross v Canberra Arrows
4. Heidelberg United v West Adelaide
5. Melbourne Croatia v Footscray
6. Preston v Brunswick United-Juventus

ROUND 26 — 22-23 SEPTEMBER

1. Canberra Arrows v Heidelberg United
2. Sydney Olympic v Parramatta Melita Eagles
3. Penrith City v Leichhardt
4. Sydney City v St George
5. Sydney Croatia v Newcastle United
6. Wollongong City v Blacktown City
1. Brisbane City v Marconi
2. Footscray v Adelaide City
3. Green Gully v Melbourne Croatia
4. Brunswick United-Juventus v Sunshine-George Cross
5. South Melbourne v Brisbane Lions
6. West Adelaide v Preston

ROUND 27 — 29-30 SEPTEMBER

1. Blacktown City v Penrith City
2. Leichhardt v Wollongong City
3. Newcastle United v Canberra Arrows
4. Sydney Olympic v St George
5. Sydney City v Parramatta Melita Eagles
6. Sydney Croatia v Marconi
1. Brisbane Lions v Brisbane City
2. Sunshine-George Cross v Green Gully
3. Melbourne Croatia v Brunswick United-Juventus
4. Preston v Footscray
5. South Melbourne v Heidelberg United
6. West Adelaide v Adelaide City

ROUND 28 — 6-7 OCTOBER

INTRA-CONFERENCE CHALLENGE ROUND
(Based on Conference placings at the end of Round 26)

10 OCTOBER ELIMINATION SEMI FINALS

14 OCTOBER SEMI FINAL

21 OCTOBER PRELIMINARY FINALS

28 OCTOBER CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

1 NOVEMBER NATIONAL FINAL — MATCH 1

4 NOVEMBER NATIONAL FINAL — MATCH 2



WATER POLO OR SOCCER?

TO BE a top water polo player or continue in women's Soccer was the choice that Lee Dunbar, top athlete from the Manly-Warringah area, had to make early in her career.

Lee was brought up in Concord in Sydney and completed her secondary studies at Burwood girls' high school.

After obtaining her Higher School Certificate in 1970, 16-year-old Lee, with her mind firmly fixed on what she wanted to do in life, made a bee-line for the Sydney University.

She commenced a hard four year course at the University where she studied for her degree in Physical Education and it was here that she had to make her decision to play water polo or Soccer.

After obtaining her degree at University, Lee was appointed by the NSW Dept. Education to the Richmond High School.

She explained that this was quite a way to travel each day for a young girl as Richmond was in the far west of the coastal region and at the foothills of the Blue Mountains. Lee was living at Manly, right on the water's edge.

Lee was the junior of five P.E. teachers at the school but at that stage, women's Soccer was not played there.

Her second appointment was to the Beacon Hill High School in the Manly-Warringah district of Sydney and only minutes from her home.

At 22 years of age, Lee was appointed directly into the Sports Mistress role at the school.

As there was no women's

Soccer played at the Burwood High School where she received her school, I asked her how she became involved with the code.

Lee said that on long-weekends and other occasions, the church fellowship to which she belonged used to compete in carnival days and the boys played Soccer. Each of the groups were asked to make up a girl's team. Her association with women's Soccer grew from a chance social game.

When Lee was sent to Beacon Hill in 1976, she was full of enthusiasm to start women's Soccer in the district.

Undaunted

Undaunted at the fact that there was already a competition under way, Lee turned to the girls at the school where they had asked her new, young and enthusiastic Sports Mistress to start a side for them.

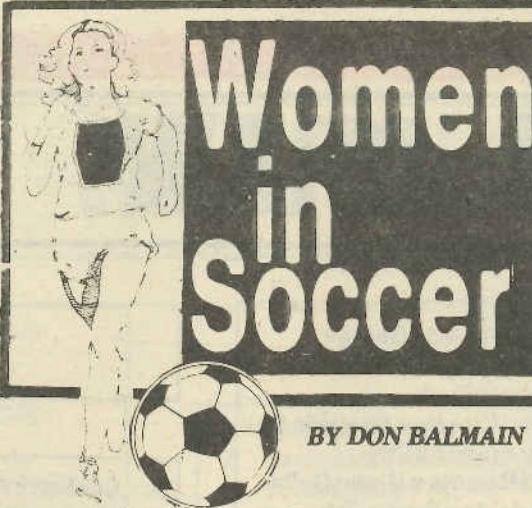
With the side founded and too late to join in with other teams, Lee and her girls roamed the metropolitan area of Sydney, playing any women's team who would give them a game from Mount Colah in the extreme north of the area to Blacktown in the far west of the Sydney.

Lee said that they had a lovely time just playing socially. The team remained together that year and formed the nucleus of the present Beacon Hill club.

When questioned about her statement, 'we had a wonderful time', Lee said that she too, was a playing member of the team as well as another teacher, Pam Sayers.

The following year, Lee entered two teams into the local competition with some success. She coached the open side which was placed third in the competition.

Lee's potential was recognised early when he was picked to play representa-



Women in Soccer

BY DON BALMAIN

district side from 1978 to 1980.

I asked her if she had played any other sport other than Soccer. She said that in 1977, she had been chosen as a representative water polo player.

Lee was asked if there has been any conflict between the two sports, especially as 1977 had also been her year for State Soccer.



□ LEE DUNBAR

tive Soccer for the Manly-Warringah association.

That year, Andy Clues, well known men's Soccer coach was the coach for the rep. women's side in Manly.

Noting her eagerness and leadership ability, Mr Clues spoke to her and convinced her to try out for the State side.

Modest

With characteristic modesty, Lee said that she went along to the state trials and worked very hard for selection.

Joe O'Connor, the State coach, chose her as a state player for the team which travelled to Perth in 1977. Lee said that she did not set the world on fire but managed to play in a number of games of lesser importance.

Unfortunately, through necessity, it was still very as administrative help was hard to obtain. Lee said, with a wry grin, that although she was coaching two sides, our committee is still me.

"I sometimes feel like the old lady of Soccer," she said. "I have played Soccer for nine years now, all with Beacon Hill and eight of these has been as a rep. player."

Lee was the captain of the

Giving a short laugh, Lee said that it had been too much for her to continue both at that level and she had had to decide if she had more future in Soccer, playing and coaching, or water polo.

She chose Soccer and gave up water polo, missing out on being selected for the state water polo side for the 1978 season.

Lee says that it was at university when as a diversion from study, she used to swim in the Uni pool and throw a ball about.

Not unnaturally, the sight of this lithe, energetic young student doing the right things with the polo ball, caught the eye of a

state selection. She joined the Sydney University water polo side and was elevated to state selection the same year.

Administration

Besides being a player and a coach, Lee has had the time to fit in administrative work as well. She has been a social secretary, the demanding job of Association Registrar and currently, she is the Public Relations person for the Manly-Warringah women's Soccer.

I asked her if she considered that she still had lots of years left as a Soccer player.

Lee replied that she would like to think that she had quite a number of years remaining in Soccer but that she was not sure of representative play. She hastened to add that it had nothing to do with her attitude but with the skill of the kids coming through.

With the added talent from the youngsters and the greater turnover of players, Lee said that she now feels a little more like the coach rather than the coach/player that she has been. "I am not enjoying this situation as much", she said. "I would much rather be a coach/player and feel more like one of the girls."

Lee Dunbar obtained her preliminary coaching certificate in 1980 and was the Under 14 NSW State coach with Trixie Barry.

TEAM NAMED

NSW U17 WOMEN'S TOURING SIDE:

Georgina Hadden (Glades-Hornsby), Sian Watkins (Manly-Warr), Leonie Geribo (G-H), Lyn-dal Mudie (G-H), Tracey Wheeler (Molroyd), Suzie Coughley (G-H), Michaela Hannigan (M-W), Felicity Huntington (Blacktown), Anne-Marie Hierons (G-H), Suzy Broughton (M-W), Shannon McNeill (M-W), Michelle Star (M-W), Kim Witcombe (Hol), Rhonda Withers (M-W), Angela Hadden (G-H), Julie Hebb (Bn).

AUSTRALIA'S WOMEN INTERNATIONALS



5. KAREN MENZIES

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

AUSTRALIA'S versatile squad member, who allows national coach Jimmy Selby to play her as a centre-back, attacking midfielder or full-back, is another Northern NSW product from Newcastle.

Karen Menzies, with an easy-going nature, is one of the glamour girls in the Australian national squad, with her golden hair and deep tan. Although a "looker", she can be a tough customer to contain.

When operating from the back-four, Karen breaks forward with great strength and courage, looking very positive as her distribution is excellent.

Against New Caledonia in the Oceania Cup tournament, Karen filled the left-back spot after half-time. Almost immediately she began attacking, pushing forward with strong runs and constantly knocked some magnificent balls into space, down the line as well as infield.

These balls were all "back-spinners" into space, defence-splitting, but well within the receiver's reach. Service that can only be described as a striker's dream.

Karen Menzies is a cheerful type of girl, always ever so ready with a joke or a song to lift the team's morale, when Australia is on tour.

PERSONAL BRIEF

BORN: October 4, 1962.

BIRTHPLACE: Sydney.

HEIGHT: 5'7"

TEAMS PLAYED FOR: Budgewoi, Merewether and Charleston.

PLAYING POSITION: Attacking midfielder, or anywhere in the back four.

OCCUPATION: Recreation Officer with the Department of Leisure Sport and Tourism.

FAVOURITE OTHER PLAYER: Susan Monteath and Julie Dolan.

FAVOURITE MALE PLAYER: Kenny Boden, Joe Senkalski, Arno Bertogna.

FAVOURITE OVERSEAS PLAYER: Aston Villa's Dennis Mortimer.

AMBITIONS: To become a permanent member of the Australian Women's team.

PLAYED FOR AUSTRALIA: Once, against New Zealand in the Oceania Cup final. I hope it won't be the last time either.

MOST INFLUENTIAL PERSON IN YOUR SOCCER CAREER? Jim Bellingham, coach at Merewether, Lionel Sneyd, NNSW coach and Arno Bertogna when he played for Newcastle KB.

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Last year's national titles when Northern NSW clashed with Southern Queensland.

HOW CAN AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S SOCCER BE IMPROVED? A much bigger concentrated effort needed from the coaches, rather than just kick, run and giggle stuff. A more serious attitude as what we have now is only a limited spectrum of what is really required. It's sad.

SERIOUS INJURIES: A major complicated operation to my left knee to repair cruciate, medial and lateral ligaments. All were cut and repaired synthetically. I've had no problems since, thank goodness.

DISLIKES IN SOCCER: Our game is not treated seriously. My philosophy in life is looked for the good things and not be too critical.

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SYDNEY CITY BOYS ON EUROPEAN TOUR

ON April 30, the youngest Australian junior Soccer team to tour Europe will leave with Garuda Airlines for a 33 hour flight to Amsterdam. They will take part in a tournament on May 5, playing against other club teams from different nations.

They will visit Germany and Belgium before going to England for two weeks where they are scheduled to play eight games against local teams.

The trip was organised through Stevens Travel and is the culmination of one year of planning and hard work by the boys.

They were helped by sponsorships from Just Sports (strips and tracksuits), Serderon Pty Ltd,

and in Holland, Nedac B.V. which is picking up all expenses in Holland.

It will be a trip of a lifetime for the boys. During their visit they hope to meet some of the big names in Soccer and attend some first division matches, with a chance of getting to the FA Cup Final in May.

The manager of Tottenham Hotspur, Keith Berkinshaw took time to write to the boys agreeing that the Sydney City team could attend one of their training sessions and meet players.

The touring team will be given a number of coaching sessions by such players as England's Paul Mariner.

Although the team is a club level and not a representative, the team is extremely strong.

The full complement is: Coaches: Roy Thomas and Steve Serda. Players: Danny Klein, Jason Serda, David Sygall, Michael Barrosa, Mathew Dimm, Symeon Mavromatis, Costa Athanassiou, Mathew Thompson, Grant Thompson, Robert Phillips, David Zomboli, Simon Beaufils, Alon Mizrahi, Darryl Zeiderman, Trent Luck, Scott Connors, Simon Van Der Stapp, Ricki Zomboli. (Missing from the photo are David Zomboli and Ricki Zomboli).

Any team wishing to play the touring side should contact Steve Serda on 698 7988.

ALBURY-WODONGA SUSPEND FIVE

FIVE Albury-Wodonga Soccer Association rep players were suspended for 12 months.

The president of the Association, Mr John King said that following certain incidents last season, and an official report lodged by the team's manager-coach, he has called for an official investigation.

"These boys, or any rep team player are ambassadors of my association and I'll not tolerate any breaches of the constitution or ethics," Mr King said.

Should there be an increase towards that number,

IT IS now time for many people in the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation ranks to pull together and let bygones by bygones.

This is no time to open up old wounds over the various deals that were put up to interest their organisation in the Parklea development.

Those unrealistic offers and the years of wasted

negotiations can be chalked up to experience, and it is a great teacher.

A sensible arrangement has now been entered into with the NSW Soccer Federation at a price that is not outside the pale.

Organisational changes in the NSW structure took time to secure, but now the Amateurs have George Churchward in place on the Federation executive from their own ranks for the very first time.

In addition Eric Arnell is a serving Amateur official and Les Fairclough has had a deal of experience in the ranks. Both are executive members.

There is also the breakthrough that two NSL officials further broaden the representation.

Other side benefits that were not originally there have been gained.

Three Amateur officials are part of a committee of six who run Parklea and plan its further development.

The promised office space is there and the NSW Amateurs have priority on use of two of the three playing fields.

The Amateurs are also involved in the selection process for choosing the NSW Director of Coaching.

It would have been impossible to achieve all this under the old order.

And the Amateurs will have eight votes on the NSW Federation on a proper level of respect is another of the fruits of labour over the years.

If the NSW Amateurs close the ranks and rely on realistic and reasoned debate on the issues that lie ahead, then things will improve slowly and surely.

UP IN ARMS

PARENTS and players of NSW Youth League U15 and U16 teams are unhappy with the draw for the first four rounds, with games to be played on Sundays instead of the usual Saturday.

This means that players will miss watching NSL games, as U15 and U16 games are played in the afternoon.

The reason for Sunday games is that grounds aren't available on Saturdays due to Cricket. However, Nepean's first round matches are to be played on a Soccer-only field, and no doubt other teams' are too.

come if the leaders and then the vast army of keen officials can pull together in the right direction.

MINI AMPOL CUP GROUP WINNERS

A Sydney Olympic	10 pts
B Melita	9 pts
C Sutherland	9 pts
D Baulkham Hills	10 pts

SEMI FINAL Rd 1

Melita V Sydney Olympic 4-2
Sutherland V Baulkham Hills 4-2

ROUND 2 — Marconi Stadium

Wednesday February 29
Syd Olympic V Sutherland 6-15pm
Baulkham Hills V Melita 7-30pm

ROUND 3 - Venue to be advised

Friday March 2
Syd Olympic V Baulkham Hills 6-15pm
Melita V Sutherland 7-30pm

FINAL — Wednesday March 7

Venue to be advised

ST GEORGE manager-coach Frank Arok says he will not bring another overseas player to the club.

He believes the youngsters Saints are producing good enough to make NSL level... but he says it is not really a cost-saving measure.

"We spend about \$15,000 to \$18,000 on our juniors," he said.

Arok has given several youngsters the chance to impress as reserves in Super Challenge and Ampol Cup matches, including Andrew Koczka, Pedro Rico, Paul Darlington and Tony Danaskos.



PERPETUAL WINNERS

John Dunn, from Punchbowl All-Age Division 1, accepts the perpetual trophy for winning the competition at the Canterbury & Districts SFA presentation night at Canterbury-Hurlstone Park RSL club.

TURNER CUP ENTRIES ENHANCED

THE final 16 places in this year's Bill Turner Cup will differ from those in 1983.

The executive decision shows two major changes.

With the bulk of the schools coming from the Sydney metropolitan area, there have been six positions made available to them.

However, the executive committee was most unmindful of the fact that country schools, while less in numbers, usually have to travel greater distances to play their games.

Therefore it was the unanimous decision that the final 16 places would not become a fixed regulation, but would be determined at the beginning of each year.

The Far West was given as an example.

There were about a dozen schools entered in 1983, but the whole area has in excess of 60 schools which could participate.

Should there be an increase towards that number,

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ARROWS BIG NIGHT



1. (From left) Tony Redmond, Julie Marks, Roy Jones, Sonia Minsch and Steve Bryant show the new Arrows playing strips and team uniform.



2. Hostess Sonia Minsch with Arrows chairman and Downer Olympic president Angelo Stramarcos & John Warren.



3. The Arrows youth team, now sponsored by James Hardie Industries, pictured with the James Hardie's community relations manager Ron Bolton & coach Victor Fernandez in the front row.



4. The Arrows coach Doug Collins (front left) & Lotto area Manager Bill Graham.



5. (From left) Andrew Young, Julie Marks, Marko Perinovic, Sonia Minsch and Michael Barnett.



6. (From left) former Olympic swimming captain and Commonwealth Games gold medallist David Dickson, now manager of the National Sports Centre, Noel Reilly, manager of the National Sports Centre, Helen Wilner and Peter Weddell, ACT schools sports liaison administrator, and Tony Brennan.



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LAURIE OF ARABIA!

REAL MADRID are ready to sell their English import Laurie Cunningham to a team in Saudi Arabia.

If the deal goes through, the Arabs will pay nearly \$3,000,000 for the player.

That money will be split right down the middle between Real and Cunningham.

Cunningham's five year contract with the Madrid team ends at the end of this season.

LET'S BE PALS

THE time has come for Argentina and England to renew contacts on the field of sport.

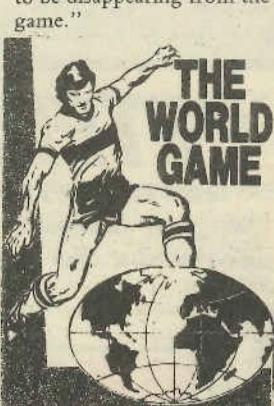
So says the man who used to coach Argentina, Cesar Luis Menotti.

"Argentina should play England this year," says Menotti, adding: "It is important for 22 football players to demonstrate to politicians that we can communicate and prefer to live in peace."

The former West Brom and England winger is keen to return to England and almost joined Manchester United last April. He is on loan at the moment to another Spanish club, Sporting Gijon.

Cunningham said: "It's going to be a sacrifice to stay away from England for a few more years, but the cash makes it worthwhile. When I do get back to English football, I should have enough money to open my own coaching school.

"I want to teach English



AACHEN FINDS A STAR

WAYNE THOMAS was an "unknown midfielder with Peterborough when he signed for West German club Alemannia Aachen three years ago.

Thomas earns much more than he picked up with Peterborough. He is on a monthly wage of \$3,400 and, when the team wins, picks up a bonus of \$1,300.

The player's progress has been noted in the UK and Welsh international team boss Mike England has had him under survey for possible Welsh honours.

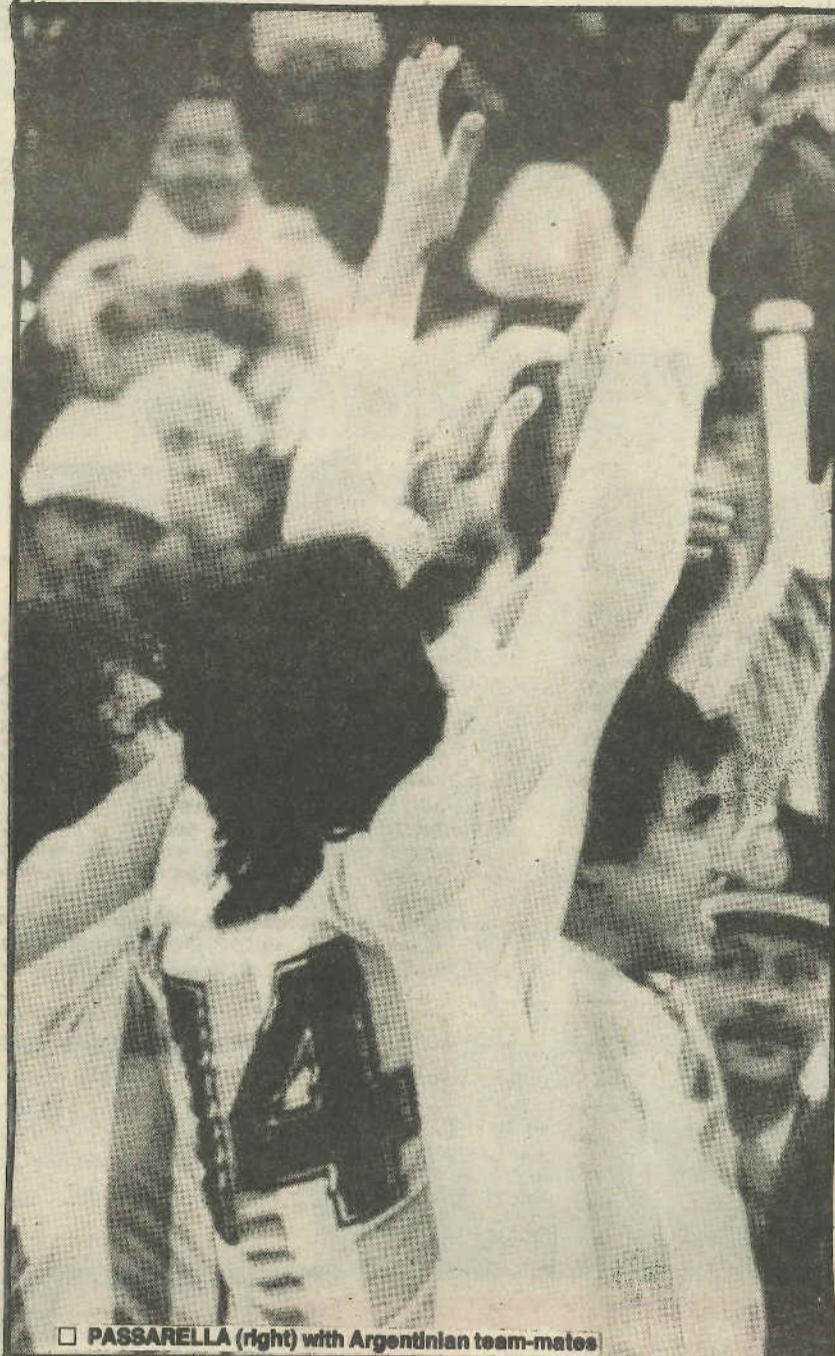
"It would be great to be called up for the Welsh squad," said Thomas, adding, "it would make my decision to move abroad complete."

ITALIANS SUSPEND GIORGIO

GIORGIO CHINAGLIA, now boss of the Roman club Lazio, has been banned for eight months.

He is charged with bringing the game into disrepute by criticising a referee.

Perhaps life was easier for Chinaglia when he was only involved in scoring goals for New York Cosmos.



PASSARELLA (right) with Argentinian team-mates

ZICO PAYS OFF

UDINESE may have paid a lot of money to get Brazil's brilliant Zico but the investment is proving worthwhile.

After only 19 matches, Zico had a goalscoring tally of 16. This equalled the number of goals scored by Italy's leading scorer, Michel Platini, in the whole of the 1982-83 season.

It looks as if Zico is sure to finish on top of the scoring list this season, with Platini and Paulo Rossi his main rivals for the honour.



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ARGENTINA'S STARS HAVE ALL GONE

CARLOS BILARDO, Argentina's head coach, is alarmed at the mass exodus of his best players to foreign teams.

So much so that he is demanding a complete ban on players leaving the country until after the 1986 World Cup in Mexico.

Hard-up clubs and

money-seeking players say such a ban would be impossible to implement.

Local clubs simply cannot afford to match the cash offers being made by some

of Europe's wealthy teams.

Even world-famous Argentinian clubs like Boca Juniors and River Plate cannot afford to buy players to reinforce their squads depleted by players moving abroad.

Gareca is demanding \$1,000,000 to renew his contract with Boca Juniors, claiming a team from Colombia is interested in signing him.

Boca's president says Gareca will be told to leave if he does not accept the terms offered.

All this is very bad news for Argentina's World Cup hopes even though the expatriates like Maradona, Passarella and Jose Luis Brown will certainly be brought home for the 1986 World Cup.

THE Ecuador tournament in South America got off to the best possible start with the host nation collecting a big win.

Ecuador beat Colombia

3-0.

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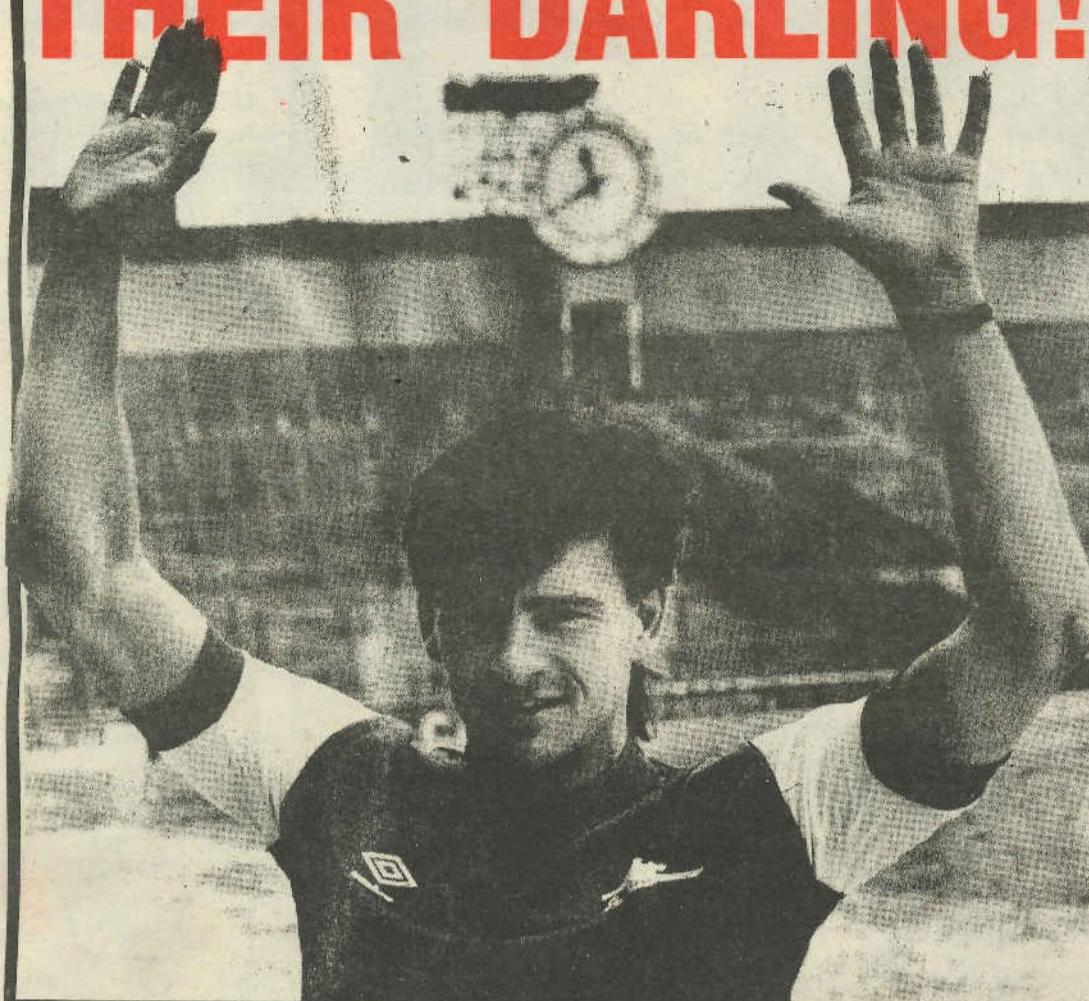
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CHARLIE IS NOT THEIR DARLING!



CHARLIE NICHOLAS, tipped to be the greatest star in England this season, continues to go through the horrors at Arsenal.

Charlie has been unable to recapture his sizzling Scottish form since leaving Celtic in a \$1,500,000 deal and nobody was surprised last week when he was dumped from Scotland's international squad.

The player, nicknamed "Champagne Charlie," was particularly disappointing in Arsenal's loss to Liverpool when he missed

match-winning chances. After that match, Arsenal boss Don Howe commented: "Charlie didn't play well and he has to accept the blame, rather than blame other players for his performance."

"The trouble is, we don't really know for sure what is his best position."

"I want him in a free role between midfield and attack

where he can best express himself."

Arsenal fans cannot be blamed for wondering why Arsenal do not know Charlie's best position . . . after he cost so much money.

The arrival of Paul Mariner at Highbury presents Nicholas with another problem. Will his first team place be under threat from the newcomer?

PETERS HAS A BALL

MARTIN PETERS, thought recently turned 40, is still playing football, 18 years after he was a member of England's World Cup-winning team at Wembley.



UK tables

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	29	17	8	4	47	20	59
Manchester U	29	15	10	4	54	31	55
Nottingham F	29	16	5	8	54	33	53
West Ham	29	15	5	9	46	31	50
Southampton	28	14	7	7	35	24	49
Queens Park R	28	14	4	10	45	26	46
Norwich	29	11	9	9	34	32	42
Watford	29	12	5	12	56	54	41
Tottenham	29	11	8	10	46	45	41
Aston Villa	28	11	8	9	43	42	41
Luton	28	12	4	12	42	43	40
Coventry	28	10	9	9	38	37	39
Arsenal	29	11	5	13	44	40	38
Everton	27	9	9	9	25	31	36
Birmingham	28	9	6	13	28	33	33
Sunderland	28	8	9	11	28	39	33
Ipswich	28	9	5	14	36	40	32
Leicester	28	8	8	12	44	49	32
West Bromwich	28	9	5	14	31	46	32
Stoke	29	7	8	14	27	49	29
Notts County	28	5	6	17	36	58	21
Wolverhampton	28	4	7	17	22	58	19

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sheffield Wed	28	17	7	4	55	26	58
Chelsea	30	16	10	4	60	32	58
Grimsby	29	15	10	4	42	28	55
Newcastle	28	17	3	8	56	39	54
Manchester C	29	15	7	7	47	31	52
Carlisle	29	13	11	5	33	19	50
Blackburn	28	12	12	4	36	31	48
Charlton	29	13	7	9	38	38	45
Huddersfield	28	10	10	8	38	36	40
Leeds	28	11	6	11	39	39	39
Middlesbrough	28	9	9	10	30	29	36
Portsmouth	29	10	5	12	48	42	35
Brighton	28	9	7	12	43	43	34
Barnsley	28	9	6	13	40	40	33
Fulham	29	8	9	12	38	38	33
Shrewsbury	27	8	9	10	30	37	33
Oldham	29	9	6	14	30	47	33
Cardiff	28	10	2	16	34	45	32
Crystal Palace	28	8	7	13	29	36	31
Derby	29	5	7	16	26	53	25
Swansea	29	4	6	19	24	55	18
Cambridge	28	2	8	18	21	53	14

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wimbledon	31	18	4	9	72	56	58
Walsall	31	17	5	8	51	40	57
Oxford	28	17	5	6	59	37	56
Bristol Rov	31	15	7	9	48	38	52
Hull	27	14	9	4	42	22	51
Sheffield U	30	14	9	7	55	36	51
Bolton	29	13	9	8	9	42	50
Burnley	29	13	9	7	59	31	48
Gillingham	27	14	5	8	51	41	47
Bradford	29	13	7	9	54	44	46
Orient	30	13	6	11	43	45	45
Lincoln	32	13	5	13	42	46	45
Millwall	31	11	10	10	49	52	43
Newport	29	11	9	9	40	50	42
Plymouth	27	9	7	11	38	34	34
Preston	30	9	7	14	43	42	34
Wigan	28	9	7	12	29	39	34
Brentford	30	6	10	14	42	56	28
Southend	29	6	9	14	35	51	27
Rotherham	27	7	5	15	29	40	26
Bournemouth	29	7	5	17	36	55	26
Scunthorpe	28	4	12	12	34	54	24
Port Vale	30	6	5	19	28	56	23
Exeter	30	5	7	18	37	60	22

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
York	29	19	4	6	60	28	61
Doncaster	31	16	11	4	57	38	59
Reading	32	14	11	7	61	44	53
Bristol City	31	16	5	10	49	32	53
Aldershot	32	15	7	10	51	48	52
Colchester	29	13	11	5	50	26	50
Blackpool	32	14	5	10	39	29	47
Peterborough	31	12	10	9	47	32	46
Stockport	32	12	8	12	46	46	44
Northampton	30	11	10	9	35	35	43

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE: Aston Villa 4, Wolverhampton 0; Leicester 2; Ipswich 0; Liverpool 2; Queens Park Rangers 0; Manchester United 2; Sunderland 1; Norwich 1; West Ham 0; Nottingham Forest 0; Arsenal 1; Southampton 2; Luton 1; Stoke 1; Notts County 0; Tottenham 0; Birmingham 1; Watford 4; Everton 4; West Bromwich 1; Coventry 1.
ENGLISH DIVISION TWO: Cambridge 1; Portsmout 3; Chelsea 0; Carlisle 0; Crystal Palace 0; Grimsby 1; Derby 1; Huddersfield 1; Fulham 3; Shrewsbury 0; Leeds 1; Barnsley 2; Middlesbrough 0; Manchester City 0; Newcastle 3; Cardiff 1; Oldham 0; Blackburn 0; Sheffield Wednesday 2; Brighton 1; Swansea 1; Charlton 0.
ENGLISH DIVISION THREE: Bolton 0; Brentford 1; Sheffield United 3; Burnley 4; Lincoln 0; Gillingham 3; Wigan 0; Newporth 1; Exeter 0; Oxford 3; Bournemouth 2; Plymouth 2; Hull 0; Preston 0; Millwall 0; Rotherham 1; Wimbleton 2; Scunthorpe 2; Bristol Rovers 2; Walsall 1; Bradford 2; Orient v Southend to be played.
SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION: Celtic 4; Hearts 1; Dundee 1; Rangers 3; Hibernian 0; Aberdeen 2; Motherwell 1; St Johnstone 0; St Mirren 2; Dundee United 2.

MARK LAWRENSON WANTED IN ITALY

WEALTHY Italian clubs, constantly keeping an eye on Liverpool's Ian Rush, the top goalscorer in England, have now turned their attention to one of Rush's team-mates, Irish centre-half Mark Lawrenson.

Defenders don't usually fetch big transfer fees but Juventus are willing to spend \$1,700,000 to get Lawrenson. Other Italian teams keen to buy Lawrenson are A.S. Roma and Sampdoria. When Lawrenson joined

Liverpool from Brighton two and a half years ago, the Merseysiders had to fork out a club record fee of \$1,600,000. Be sure they would want to get all that back, plus a handy profit, if they sold Lawrenson to the Italians.

Some good judges rate Mark Lawrenson the best all-round defender in Britain. He still has one year to run on his contract but this would not prevent Juventus bidding for him.

RAY KENNEDY, former Arsenal and Liverpool international star, has turned up at Hartlepool, of all places, as player-coach. It's a far cry from the luxurious atmosphere of Highbury and Anfield!